

**AMENDMENT*****In the Claims:***

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Please cancel claims 46-47, 54, 56, 58-62, 70, 73, 75-76, 78-92, 99, 102-103, and 106 without prejudice or disclaimer.

**REMARKS**

By the foregoing Amendment, claims 46-47, 54, 56, 58-62, 70, 73, 75-76, 78-92, 99, 102-103, and 106 are sought to be cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. The Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue these claims in one or more subsequent divisional applications. These changes are believed not to introduce new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

***Restriction Requirement and Election Under 35 U.S.C. § 121***

The Examiner has restricted the claims into five separate groups, namely:

Group I, which includes claims 1-45, 48-53, 55, 57, 63-69, 71-72, 74, 77, 93-98, 100-101 and 104-105;

Group II, which includes claims 46, 58-62, 99 and 102;

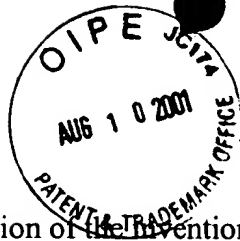
Group III, which includes claims 56, 78 and 106;

Group IV, which includes claims 54, 73, 75, 76 and 92; and

Group V, which includes claims 79-85 and 87-91.

For purposes of expediting prosecution of this matter, Applicants request that the Examiner examine the claims corresponding to Group I without traverse. The remaining restricted claims are sought to be cancelled by the above amendment.

With regard to claims 47, 70, 86, and 103, these claims are sought to be cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

**Conclusion**

An election of the invention has been made in response to the Examiner's restriction requirement. In accordance with this election, all claims not corresponding to the elected invention have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner examine the pending claims on their merits. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative if an interview might be useful for any reason.

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